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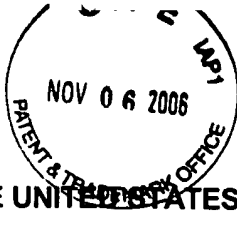
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**Melting and refining in tanks with cooled walls**5    Description:

The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for melting and/or refining, in particular in melting or refining units with cooled walls.

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It is an object of the invention to provide a method and an apparatus with reduced energy consumption when melting and/or refining inorganic substances, preferably glasses, glass-ceramics and crystals. The invention is preferably to be used in a melting or refining unit with cooled walls, for example in a skull crucible or a conductively heated tank.

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The prior art has described a range of melting units with cooled walls, in particular skull crucibles, which are used to melt glasses using radiofrequency.

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In the present context, a radiofrequency-heated skull crucible is to be understood as meaning a crucible which is formed from cooled metal tubes and is surrounded by a radiofrequency coil. There are gaps between the metal tubes, allowing the radiofrequency energy to be introduced directly into the glass melt.

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In the present context, a conductively heated tank or a conductively heated crucible is to be understood as meaning a tank or crucible in which heat is supplied at least in part